REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action.

Applicant further thanks the Examiner for granting a personal interview. The interview occurred on April 16, 2009. The participants were Examiner Sze-Hon Kong and attorney Brad Spencer. Claims 1 and 5 were discussed during the interview, along with the cited Okamoto reference.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okamoto.

Claim 1 recites a drive assisting apparatus "wherein based upon a value of adjusting data of said locus data with respect to a typical steering angle, said display position adjusting amount setting means calculates, during said setting operation, values of adjusting data of said locus data with respect to all of other steering angles." During a subsequent normal driving operation, locus data corresponding to a detected steering angle is read out and a drive assisting image is produced based upon the adjusting data contained in the read locus data. In this way, during an initial "setting operation," adjusting data can be determined for a typical angle and then calculated for all other steering angles. The "setting operation" is an initial setup operation for determining the adjusting data. During a subsequent "normal driving operation," the adjusting data can be read out according to a determined steering angle and used to display the travel predicted locus on the image acquired by the on-vehicle camera (e.g., to aid a driver in backing into a parking space). As discussed during the personal interview, Okamoto does not teach the setting operation now recited in claim 1. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable over Okamoto. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1. The arguments provided above

with respect to claim 1 also apply to claim 6, and applicant submits that claim 6 is also allowable over Okamoto.

Further, claim 5 recites, "said data table stores thereinto a plurality of different locus data sets as to a pan angle, or a roll angle as the locus data corresponding to the steering angle." Okamoto teaches a steering angle θ (6:46). A steering angle is not a pan angle or a roll angle, which relate to camera positions as would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. Okamoto is completely silent as to storing into a data table a plurality of different locus data sets as to a pan angle, or a roll angle as locus data corresponding to a steering angle. For at least this reason, Okamoto fails to teach all of the limitations of claim 5.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. NGB-39565.

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